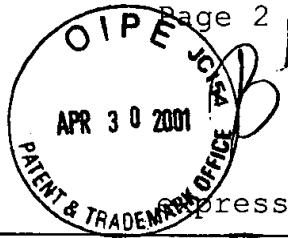


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4. (Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein said expression element functions in a B cell.

B² 18. (Amended) A nucleic acid molecule comprising a B cell expression element operationally linked to a nucleic acid sequence encoding a heterologous polypeptide, wherein said B cell expression element comprises a B cell promoter and enhancer.

19. (Amended) The nucleic acid molecule of claim 18, wherein said expression element functions in a B cell.

Please add the following new claim:

B³ Sub C4 34. (New) The method of claim 3, wherein said nucleic acid molecule is administered to said lymphoid tissue ex vivo.--

REMARKS

Claims 3, 4, 18-21 and 29-32 are under examination. By the present communication claims 3, 4, 18 and 19 have been amended. Claim 3 has been amended from dependent to independent form. Support for amended claim 3 can be found in originally filed claims 1 and 3. Claim 18 has been amended to recite that the B cell expression element comprises a B cell promoter and enhancer. Support for claim 18 can be found in the specification, including, for example, on page 28, lines 20-28 and page 33, lines 4-8. Claim 34 has been added. Support for claim 34 can be found in the specification, for example on page